

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, from coast to coast and in every state and territory, the United States is home to a diverse array of scenic views, pristine wilderness, and breathtaking natural landscapes. Great Outdoors Month, designated every June, is our opportunity to celebrate and enjoy these lands.

Whether it's the forests and mountains of Appalachia or the deserts and mesas of the Southwest, Americans have opportunities to explore the beauty of our great outdoors. Every year millions of people experience the splendor of our National Parks, National Forests; and other recreation lands administered by the federal government.

We also enjoy state park systems, local parks departments, and private recreational lands, which play an important part in maintaining our heritage and history of outdoorsmanship. Hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, and geocaching are just a few of the many activities available in these parks.

These great outdoors provide a source of leisure and entertainment, a sense of wonder and awe, and the ability to cherish and appreciate the picturesque lands with which America has been blessed. Studies show outdoor activity is also beneficial to one's physical and mental health, as the simple act of being outdoors can lower blood pressure, heart rate, and stress while outdoor exercise can reduce the risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Great Outdoors Month honors the grandeur of nature and our responsibility to preserve it for future generations. Many organizations' efforts to emphasize and spread awareness of the principles of "Leave No Trace", which seeks to minimize our impact on preserved land, are important to this responsibility.

As are the conservation efforts of America's sportsmen and sportswomen. Responsible use of our nation's hunting grounds and respectful observance of harvesting regulations play a critical role in wildlife management and habitat protection. These hunters, trappers, and anglers are among the most ardent stewards—of our nation's most precious lands.

To celebrate Great Outdoors Month, I encourage all Americans who can, to spend some time at any of our Nation's parks, national or state forests, hunting lands, or other outdoor spaces.

HONORING ERIC TEWS

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Fire Fighter Eric Tews on the occa-

sion of his retirement from the Garden City, Michigan Fire Department.

It is evident that Mr. Tews has a strong sense of duty and public service. After he graduated from high school, Mr. Tews immediately enrolled in the United States Navy, serving for four years. He explored a career in welding before once again taking up the mantle of public service and becoming a fire fighter in 1990. In September of 1997, Mr. Tews joined the Garden City Fire Department as a full-time firefighter. Not satisfied with stopping there, he went on to earn his paramedic license. Beyond proudly performing his duties in an exemplary manner, Eric Tews has served as a mentor to newer members, sharing his knowledge and experience.

Please join me in recognizing Garden City Fire Fighter Eric Tews' twenty-three years of service as we wish him well on his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, on June 26, I was unavoidably detained and unable to make it in time to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 120, YEA on Roll Call No. 121, and NAY on Roll Call No. 122.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on June 29, 2020 due to not being in D.C. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YES on Roll Call No. 123; NO on Roll Call No. 124; YES on Roll Call No. 125; NO on Roll Call No. 126; YES on Roll Call No. 127; NO on Roll Call No. 128; and NO on Roll Call No. 129.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 123; NAY on Roll Call No. 124; YEA on Roll Call No. 125; NAY on Roll Call No. 126; YEA on Roll Call No. 127; NAY on Roll Call No. 128; and NAY on Roll Call No. 129.

HONORING DR. MOORE

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD this letter to honor Dr. Moore.

AN EXTRAORDINARY ORDINARY MAN

MADISON, NC.—In full disclosure, I don't really believe in luck, but if I did, I would have to say I won the mega-powerball lottery when I was born in the spring of 1981. This premise rests entirely on the fact that God, in His great mercy and goodness, predestined me to have two incredible parents, Don and Sue Moore. Since it is Father's Day, I would like to take a moment and reflect on my dad whom many lovingly know as "Dr. Moore."

As the middle of three daughters, I was without a doubt the most challenging of the Moore girls and received more disciplinary correction than both of my sisters combined. Discipline was often administered by my mother because my dad was working. Just to aggravate my mother, I would tell her that the punishment didn't bother me. One can imagine my mother's level of frustration with me. Yet, it was my dad's authoritative words that prompted sincere reflection. For anyone who knows my dad, they will know he has the most kind, gentle and sensitive soul, but is equally firm and desires others to improve under his "care." So for me as a child, his words not only called me to repentance, but more importantly, urged me to become a better friend, daughter, sister and ultimately, a mother.

As a complement to this, my dad rarely missed an occasion to remind us that we were beautiful and loved. There were many times during my childhood and early adult years when my dad would return from a long medical conference out of state with the most beautiful dresses as gifts—each hand-picked for my sisters and me with the most exquisite eye. By bestowing us with lovely things, he was reminding us how beautiful we were to him.

Growing up along the Mayo River, my sisters and I had many adventures with my dad. As a little girl I was definitely the tom-boy of the Moore girls. I enjoyed getting muddied in the creek, hunting for crawdads under the rocks, and picking up field mice for show and tell. Like my dad, I was always curious and ready for adventure. I was my dad's "right hand man," clearing trails and highlighting nature's beauty for friends and family when they visited us. Many people asked me as a young girl whether my dad played golf regularly. I laughed and would say no, unless you call a chainsaw or weed eater a golf club. These were the tools he used, not to manicure nature, but to clear it enough so others could see its beauty. True and genuine beauty is an important quality to my dad.

One of my favorite memories as a child was in the early fall of 1990. I vividly remember my dad and me waking up early with the ambitious task of planting over 1000 daffodil bulbs alongside, our family home. We were so motivated that we easily planted another 1000 alongside our loop road. Over thirty

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